

The PVRC Newsletter

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MEETING NOTICE

WHEN: Thursday, December 12, 1985, 6:30 p.m. to ? ?

WHERE: Brooke Manor Country Club, 16,300 Georgia
Avenue, Rockville, Maryland

WHAT: Annual Christmas Party

The PVRC Christmas Party

Come join the whole gang for fellowship and merriment. Good times and good food are promised. Spouses and/or "friends" welcome too. The buffet menu features all you can eat of steamship round of beef, seafood de mer, and fried chicken with salad, raw vegetables, fresh fruit, deviled eggs, potato salad, green beans, carrots, potato, rice pilaf. Also included are rolls & butter, various choice desserts, and coffee, tea, & milk. Not to mention the cash bar.

Our guest speaker for the evening is John Johnston, W3BE (ex-K3BNS). You will find John an unusually entertaining speaker, I'm sure. John was one of the "big guns" of the Frankford Radio Club and served as their president for several years before coming to Washington. John presently is Chief of the FCC's Personal Radio Branch, through which all changes to the amateur regulations must pass. His topic for the evening is much more interesting than FCC rules, however -- come and see what he has in store!

It is important that you return the coupon below with payment to the PVRC. Mail to K3ZJ. Deadline is December 5th. Cost is a mere \$18. per person.

DIRECTIONS: Brooke Manor Country Club, 16,300 Georgia Avenue, Rockville: Beltway to Georgia Avenue North. Go through Wheaton and Aspen Hill. The club is about one mile past the point in the road where Georgia Avenue narrows to a two-lane road. It is on the left (headed north), shortly after Leisure World on the right. (Presumably members living north of the Beltway in Maryland can find Georgia Avenue. If questions, call the club for directions at 924-2050.)

PVRC : Let The Good Times Roll (Again)

Some of you remember with fondness the meetings that took place in the Red Cross Building in Arlington. Meetings were fun, light-hearted spoofing and good-natured joshing were the rule, and attendance was heavy. Overflow crowds were common. Many members considered the

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Name _____ Call _____

Christmas Party Dinners at \$18. per person

1986 PVRC Dues at \$10. per member

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED IS _____

Deadline: Dec. 5th

Mail Today !

Comments/Suggestions if any: (use back and extra sheets as necessary)

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PVRC meetings to be the highlight of their radio activity.

Later meetings at places such as the King's Park Library were also well attended. Many fine talks were heard, contest results were picked apart with pithy analysis, and we all learned a lot.

However, in recent years attendance has been down, enthusiasm seems to have waned except among a small group of members, and the PVRC has become a shadow of its former self.

Anyone who has been associated with other clubs knows that the life of organizations generally oscillates between hyperactivity and periods of quiescence just about like the sine waves all of us are generating when we are on the air.

Even more significant, amateur radio's demographics are changing. The PVRC is no longer infused with a continuous supply of enthusiastic youngsters from the hinterlands to replace members who leave the area, lose interest, or become silent keys. The youngster who at one time would have been a natural recruit for amateur radio at the age of 13 or 14 is now the quintessential computer hacker instead.

All of this having been said, it is the intention of your new officers to try to recapture some of the PVRC spirit of former years, and if you are reading this, it means that we are asking for your help in achieving this.

At the most recent meeting, it was voted unanimously that active members would be those who kept up to date in their dues OR who participate in contests and contribute their scores to the PVRC club effort. We must continue to collect the minimal \$10. annual dues in order to send out our monthly newsletter, support the PVRC, W4KFC, and W4BVV memorial awards in the CQ and ARRL contests, continue our own club awards, and pay our other normal expenses. But the financial burden of the Club repeater is no longer hanging over our heads, and therefore we will rely on the goodwill of our club members and their desire to continue the PVRC's activities.

We recognize that all of us are getting older and many no longer have the interest or stamina for a major contest effort. Your suggestions, your participation in meetings, your advice are nevertheless wanted. No matter how much contest techniques have changed since you were in your "prime", we want your ideas, your contributions, your remembrances, your anecdotes. We hope to call on some of our senior members to begin contributing to an aural or audiovisual PVRC history and for items for this newsletter.

PVRC is a contest club, and contests are our exclusive focus. We will strive to balance the various contest-related interests of our members - ALL our members. We seek the wisdom and knowledge of our long-time members as well as the enthusiasm and freshness of our newer members.

We want PVRC to be what you want it to be. If it isn't, please let us know, and let us know why, period.

- - - The PVRC Officers: Dave, Tom, Mike, & Fred - - -

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